



#### **BOYD COUNTY**

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# **BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES**

**FOR KENTUCKY 2014** 

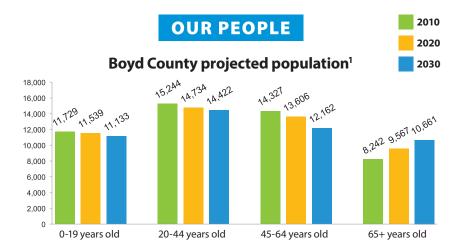


#### **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Boyd County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices that influence health and well-being
- Nurturing Families as they cope with fewer resources and more demands
- Embracing Life as We Age to strive for independence longer
- Securing Financial Stability in a turbulent economic period
- Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities to recycle, reduce waste, and protect our environment
- Accessing Nutritious Food that is affordable, available and safe
- Empowering Community Leaders as we all work to sustain and improve our communities

In 2012-2013, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **13,148** contacts with Boyd County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>



### **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

## SAVING MONEY WITH COUPONS

he Boyd County Extension Council identified the need for programming about reducing spending at the grocery store, including the use of coupons. The Boyd County FCS agent collaborated with a writer from the Ashland Beacon newspaper to offer a class where participants learned to create a monthly meal plan, form a shopping list that they would follow, and find and use coupons. One-hundred percent of participants learned at least one new method to locate coupons in the paper, on the Internet, or through smartphone apps. A few weeks after the session, one adult participant reported planning meals, making a shopping list prior to going to the store, and saving \$20 on groceries just by using coupons.

http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies



### **FAMILY ACCESS**

According to the 2007-2011 American Community Survey,3 in Boyd County...

- 22.1% (+/- 3.2) of families with children were below poverty
- 10.7% (+/- 2.2) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- 25.8% (+/- 1.7) of households had retirement income
- 9.4% (+/- 1.2) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas<sup>4</sup> indicates that in 2010. Boyd County had **13,022** people, **2,604** children and **2,052** seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.\*

In addition, **5,426** residents had **both** low income **and** low access to stores.

#### As a result of participating in **Boyd County Extension programs:**<sup>2</sup>

- 645 people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- 90 people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- 933 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.

#### **COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY**

In 2011, Boyd County had:

- 12 Grocery stores (any kind)<sup>5</sup>
  - 9 Grocery/supermarkets (except convenience)<sup>5</sup>
  - 3 Convenience stores (i.e. food marts no gas)<sup>5</sup>
- 31 Gasoline stations with convenience stores<sup>5</sup>

In the county, there were:

- 2 Roadside markets that served the county<sup>6</sup>
- 4 Farmers market locations<sup>7</sup>
- 62 SNAP\*\* authorized stores (food stamps)<sup>4</sup>
- 8 WIC\*\*\* authorized stores<sup>4</sup>

In 2011, there were \$382,393.81 in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Boyd County.4

#### As a result of participating in **Boyd County Extension programs:**<sup>2</sup>

- 127 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 64 people implemented practices for safe storage, handling, and preparation of food.
- 107 people reported eating more healthy foods.

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

In Boyd County...

- 3,514 was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP\*\* (food stamps) in 2011, up from **3,083** children in 2007 (up 14.0%).9
- **56.0%** of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.9
- There were 5,605 SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was \$259.18.8

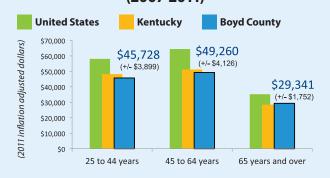
Boyd County is served by God's Pantry Food Bank of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.<sup>10</sup>

#### As a result of participating in **Boyd County Extension** programs:<sup>2</sup>

- 150 people adopted practices to increase food access and affordability.
- 202 people were reached with information on eating healthy foods.
- 227 youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.

#### **HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Median household income in past 12 months by age of householder in Boyd County  $(2007-2011)^3$ 



- Kentucky State Data Center Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Reporting, FY 2013 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates
- <sup>4</sup> USDA, Economic Research Service. <a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx">http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx</a>
  <sup>5</sup> US Dept of Commerce. County Business Patterns. 2011.
- Kentucky Farm Bureau. https://www.kyfb.com/federation/markets Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture Farmer's Market directory. http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmers-market-directory.aspx
- 8 Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Data Book
- June; 2013. http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/data\_book.htm

  Rids Count Data Center, KY Youth Advocates.

  Kentucky Association of Food Banks. http://www.kafb.org
- \* Low access is defined as more than 10 miles in a rural area
- and more than 1 mile in an urban area.

  \*\* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

  \*\*\* The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
- Infants and Children

